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Los Angeles County has shown global leadership by demonstrating that energy conservation is not only practical, but possible. "Lights Out Los Angeles" creates an additional opportunity in our county-wide energy conservation and environmental awareness efforts. Occurring on October 20<sup>th</sup>, between the hours of 8:00 PM and 9:00 PM, "Lights Out Los Angeles" is an occasion to raise environmental awareness and significantly conserve energy by turning off all non-essential lighting in government buildings, public landmarks, and the residential and commercial sectors.

The potential energy savings, greenhouse gas emission reductions, and educational benefits of participating in "Lights Out Los Angeles" are plentiful. For example, the City of Sydney, Australia was able to save more than 24 tons of carbon dioxide – the equivalent of taking 48,000 cars off the road for one-hour, by turning off their lights for one hour. San Francisco, initiating the U.S. campaign with the co-occurring "Lights Out San Francisco", estimates that turning the lights out for one hour could save as much as 15 percent of the energy consumed on an average Saturday night. Joining forces with the City of Los Angeles and other cities will amplify the larger message of "Lights Out Los Angeles," which is the importance of implementing energy conservation and energy efficiency alternatives in our everyday lives, such as replacing incandescent light bulbs with compact florescent light bulbs.

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Los Angeles County's Energy Management Team has shown great leadership in demonstrating the possibilities for improved energy efficiency. The Team has implemented a comprehensive package of energy efficiency measures, resulting in 15-20% energy savings in County buildings and has educated County employees on energy and environmental issues through outreach events such as the County Energy and Environmental Fair on September 27, 2007. These efforts are critical in reducing the County's greenhouse gas emissions.

**I, THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

1. Proclaim October 20, 2007 as "Lights Out Los Angeles Day" throughout the County of Los Angeles and encourage all County employees, residents and businesses to voluntarily support this worthwhile event by replacing at least one incandescent light bulb with a compact fluorescent light bulb, turning off all non-essential lighting between 8:00 PM to 9:00 PM and pledging their participation on [www.lightsoffla.org](http://www.lightsoffla.org);
2. Direct the Internal Services Department and all other County facilities managers to turn off all non-essential lighting in county facilities in order to conserve energy as part of the county-wide energy conservation event: "Lights Out Los Angeles";
3. Direct the County's Energy and Environmental Policy Team to partner with utility companies to promote the distribution of energy efficient alternatives and information for the residents of Los Angeles County; and
4. Direct the Chief Executive Officer, in conjunction with Department Heads, to coordinate the distribution of promotional material on the County Website and at public-access County Facilities to promote "Lights Out Los Angeles".

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